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tapering into a long, involute, setaceous point; spike single, 8 inches long, drooping above; sterile flowers much exceeding the short joints of the rhachis; outer glumes oblong-ovate, narrowed to a blunt or acutish tip; pistillate joints 4 lines long.

Collected by the late Dr. A. P. Garber at Miami, Southeastern Florida, June, 1887.

Botanical Note.

Weeds at the World's Columbian Exposition. In order that the exhibition of weeds at the World's Columbian Exposition may be large, and representative of all sections of the country, the undersigned (having this feature in charge) respectfully ask for specimens of the worst weeds from all States and Territories.

It is suggested that each botanist or local collector, who may be pleased to assist in the work, secure at least three specimens each of the worst weeds in his State or section. In making the specimens it is important that the following points be considered: [1.] Seeds are especially desired. [2.] Seedlings are important in various stages of development. [3.] The root system is essential: also [4] the flower and flower cluster, and [5] the seed vessel.

It may be necessary, therefore, to secure these various essentials at different times during the coming season. If the weed is a large one stress is laid upon the procuring of specimens while they are small enough so that the whole plant, roots and all, can be mounted, without bending, upon an herbarian sheet of ordinary size, that is, not over a foot in length. They are not to be mounted, however, by the collector.

That unnecessary duplication may be avoided, persons who contemplate collecting specimens should signify their intentions to the undersigned, and allotments will then be made, the assignments depending largely upon the locality. It is hoped that each State in the Union may be represented by specimens in this national exhibit of our worst weeds.

The collecting must all be done the present season, and the specimens sent in for mounting, labeling, etc., by December 1st.

Correspondence is solicited.

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